



Taking the helm

New South Simcoe Police Chief will be sworn in.

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The Pajama Game

Classic musical opens in Cookstown this week.

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A focus on Youth community, and fundraising.

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Thursday, April 12, 2012



Found one!

Miriam King photo, Bradford Times

Kids hunt for Easter Eggs, at the Annual Bradford West Gwillimbury Easter Egg Hunt in Lions Park, held Saturday, April 7. The popular event was nearly cancelled this year, when the Town decided it would no longer sponsor the Hunt - but the Bradford Scouts and CrossTrainers stepped in, and with tremendous support from the community, the Easter event went ahead as planned. Volunteers from Scouts and CrossTrainers held 4 Easter Egg Hunts - for ages 3 & under (seen above), 4-5, 6-8, and 9 & older. Kids could also have their faces painted, win prizes, and meet the Easter Bunny - and the Scouting Beaver. There were balloon animals and crafts, and fun for the hundreds of kids and their families who came out to enjoy an Easter Tradition. And a thank-you to sponsors that included Giant Tiger, Great Gulf Homes, Bond Head Women's Institute, Bradford Lions Club, Bradford Walmart Supercentre, and CIBC. More photos on Page 13.

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Chief-Designate addresses Councils



Richard Beazley, South Simcoe Police Chief Designate, in Bradford West Gwillimbury Council on April 3.

South Simcoe Chief of Police-designate Richard Beazley paid a visit to the Councils of both Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil last week, to assure Councillors that he is ready for the challenges.

"My message is pretty straight-forward: a proven practice of openness and transparency," said Beazley. "I believe being heard can be a strong motivator. I'm a relationship-builder... I will empower staff, ensuring there are opportunities through succession planning... and training."

He also promised to work with Councils and staff, through the current OPP costing process.

"I don't know that the operation is 'inefficient', but a fresh set of eyes and a new approach may be able to find some efficiencies," Beazley said, noting that what the Councils are really looking for are "alternative forms of policing delivery that encompasses more than just an OPP costing."

"Decisions do have to be made, and they do have to be made with all the facts... Moving forward, I'm not afraid of change."

Beazley, who is currently Police Chief of Stratford-Carleton, will be assuming his new duties on April 16, at a swearing-in ceremony, 6 p.m. at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West. The public is invited to attend.

Targeting Distracted Drivers this week

If that cell phone rings, while you're behind the wheel - let it ring.
South Simcoe Police are conducting a Distracted Driving Campaign, April 9 to Sunday, April 15, using a combination of marked and unmarked police cruisers,

motorcycles and bicycle patrols to look for distracted drivers.

Ontario's ban on hand-held devices while driving took effect October 26, 2009. After a 3-month public education period and awareness campaign,

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Looking at transit costs

Bradford West Gwillimbury will be retaining Wally Beck and HDR Corp. - the consulting firm that carried out the initial \$25,000 Transit Feasibility Study for the Town - to go one step further, and look into the costs of implementing Transit, as recommended by the Active Transportation Committee.

But Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer objected to the \$38,449 price tag for the additional work, and Councillor Ron Simpson wanted to know if it was a commitment to transit: "Are we going down a road with no returning?"

Director of Engineering Deb Korolnek noted that Council had called for a detailed implementation plan, that would look at possible routes, possible options, and possible costs. "No, this doesn't imply that we will go ahead," Korolnek said, but the investigation will bring forward more information to Council in the fall.

"We haven't committed any funds to implementing a transit system," agreed Mayor Doug White; there is only a commitment to look into transit, as a strategic priority of Council.

Deputy Mayor Keffer said that he has been a strong proponent of transit, but that he had a problem with the dollar amount. "I think we have staff that are capable of doing

some of this implementation plan. I'm just banking at this \$38,000," he said, questioning what "deliverables" the Town would get for the money.

Korolnek pointed out the "deliverables" were spelled out in a previous report: identifying the specification for buses, working on integration of fares with neighbouring systems, applying for gas tax funding, negotiating contracts with taxi/bus companies, determining the infrastructure required and its costs, finalizing routes and schedules.

"I don't think the engineering department is geared towards setting up bus schedules," said Councillor Del Crake.

"I think we are getting value for dollars," agreed Councillor Carl Hordyk.

"How many ratepayers are going to use it, how much is it going to cost - this is going to answer that," said Councillor Simpson, noting that the study will provide information needed to make a decision about transit in the fall.

"It's a tough decision," said White. "Are we ready for public transit yet? It's something we'll have to decide this year. Every municipality our size wrestles with this. We have to have the facts."

Council voted to retain HDR Corp. to develop the implementation plan.

Name Bradford's New School

The old Fred C. Cook Public School is being torn down (with the exception of the historic High School Building on the south end of the property), to make way for a new elementary school. When it is completed, it will amalgamate Fred C. Cook and Bradford Public Schools. Help come up with a name for the new school! A naming committee has been formed, and submission forms are available at all Bradford area public schools, Town offices, Library, New Leisure Centre, office of the Bradford Times, and on the schools' websites, <http://bra.scdsb.on.ca> and <http://fcc.scdsb.on.ca>. Completed forms can be dropped off at Fred C. Cook PS, 20 Fletcher St. or Bradford PS at 177 Church St., by April 30, 2012.

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our editorial

Road rage?

Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer is calling for a closer analysis, that would compare a 2009 estimate of the costs of expropriation with the reality, for the 8th Line-Dissette St. road-widening, "so we can actually learn from what happened."

We wonder if there is really a need for a staff report. It's pretty obvious what happened: the original report grossly underestimated both the impact of the widening on businesses along Dissette, and the amount of money that landowners would ask in compensation.

It should have been clear from the outset that loss of parking would mean that some businesses would no longer be viable - but there was a suggestion, initially, that several of those businesses could continue unaffected, like the Bradford Car Wash. The Town finally ended up purchasing that business, even though not all of the land was needed for the road-widening; fortunately, the unused portion of the property can be sold to GO, offsetting some of those costs. Other Councilors have also commented.

"Definitely a lesson to be learned, that if the Town takes anything away from anybody... they expect a million dollars per square inch,"

said Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. "It's ridiculous, the amount of money that was spent."

"It was the largest expropriation ever done in one area in the Province," said Councillor Del Crake. "Whatever the cost was, it had to be built. Without that, this Town would have choked to death on its own traffic."

We feel, as we have always argued, that the widening project created a by-pass around Bradford that in any other environment would be considered a Regional road. Certainly, some of the traffic is local, a percentage that will continue to grow as subdivisions north of the 8th Line are completed. But it is also a by-pass that carries commuter traffic from further north, and that connects Simcoe County to York Region. By every definition it is a "connecting link" - yet the Town has received only \$3.9 million from the federal and provincial governments, and \$0 from the County of Simcoe.

Two other comments: "Does anyone actually think I did this in 5 years' time. It would cost any less money?" asked Mayor Doug White.

And Councillor Raj Sandhu pointed out, "We can't go back to change the numbers." But maybe we can ask the County to pay its share.

Rae: "Mean-spirited budget"

To the editor: Are you prepared to give up \$13,000 during your golden years? MP Peter Van Loan and Prime Minister Stephen Harper think you are. That's what the average Canadian will have to give up thanks to the federal budget introduced by the Conservative Party.

The Budget cuts retirement benefits by raising the age of eligibility for Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement from 65 to 67 years, forcing Canadians to postpone retirement for 2 years. For low income seniors, it's even worse. They stand to lose up to \$30,000, which could hike Seniors' poverty by up to one-third.

It's a massive hit to the least well-off. It's mean-spirited, and it's wrong. The Conservatives offered zero financial analysis to justify the cut, because there is none. The OECD, the Parliamentary Budget Officer and other leading experts have all confirmed that Canada does not face a pension crisis.

The Conservatives are also using the budget to make deep ideological cuts. They are cutting \$7.5 million from the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, \$6.7 million from the Auditor General of Canada, and \$300 million from international development aid.

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From left, Jenn Chown, Wendy, and Heather Palmer, at continuation of the Fred C. Cook Public School Shave for the Brave event, March 30, at Wendy's Restaurant in Bradford. Another 12 volunteers - including members of the Back Alley Cruisers Car Club - had their heads shaved, to support young adults with cancer.

letters to the editor

Shave for the Brave Thanks

To the editor: On March 30, Fred C. Cook Public School held their first Shave for the Brave, to raise money for Young Adult Cancer Canada - and it was a huge success. Thanks go to Mrs. Ballantyne, Grade 4-5 teacher, for enthusiastically embracing the event and rallying the whole school to get involved.

By shave day, we had students, parents, community members and even a teacher lined up, ready to either donate 10" or go all the way! Special thanks to all who shaved - your sacrifice is very much appreciated. We salute your courage, and applaud your efforts to obtain so many pledges for this incredible organization.

The BVG Community came together in full force to support the cause. Several local businesses donated either money or prizes for the student shavers. Thank you to the 3 members of the Bradford Volunteer Firefighters who were on hand to sweep hair, and deliver their donation of \$350. South Simcoe Police were also on hand to show their support - thank you!

A big thank you to friendly parent greeters, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, who manned the bucket for last-minute cash donations, which came to over \$500.

And a Special thank you to Wendy's, which continued the shave event at their Bradford restaurant that same day, resulting in an additional \$1000 raised.

We wish to thank student Jacob VanRooyen for his repeat performance of his moving speech about his mom and her cancer, and also thank Town Councillor Raj Sandhu, for officially opening the event.

The shave itself was chaotic, exciting, funny and inspiring. We were blessed to have an amazing emcee in parent, Ian Brownlee, who kept the pace brisk and the laughs coming. Thank you!

We were able to visually document the event thanks to our amazing photographer, Mrs. Val Kluc, who snapped fantastic

pictures, all while nursing a cracked tailbone.

We would still be shaving heads if not for our dedicated group of hairstylists, who generously donated their time and skills for the afternoon. Thank you to Paul from the Head Shoppe and his assistant Melissa; Amy and Lily from First Choice Haircutters, Adriana from Adriana's Hair Salon, Bruna and Vanessa from Salon Sublime in Vaughan, and last but not least, FCC Alumna Libby Cepurny, for her last-minute and very much-needed shaving talents.

Our final numbers: 43 heads were shaved at FCC, and another 12 that evening at Wendy's. The total amount raised was just over \$20,000!

A great big thank you to Adriana's Hair Salon, Bare Beaunz Sk8 Shop, Bradford Jewellery & Gems, Canadian Tire, Corus Entertainment, Crabby Joe's, Crazy Girlz Beauty Boutique, Daybreak Restaurant, Dick's Bargain Bar, Giuseppe from Dominion Lending Centres, Domino's Pizza, Dutch Treats & Tea Shoppe, Evans & Evans Barristers & Solicitors, Extreme Pita, First Choice Haircutters, Giant Tiger, Harvey's, Head Shoppe, Home Depot, Home Hardware, Jennings School of Karate, Joella's Jewellery & Gifts, Kobo Canada, Little Caesar's, Lusitano Restaurant, Mac's, My Dollar Shop, M & M Meat Shops, Mary & Vita's Hair Salon, Mr. Sub, No Frills, Pet Valu, Popeye's Louisiana Chicken, Shoppers Drug Mart, Salon Sublime, Subway, TopyTek, VideoQuest, Walmart and Wendy's.

Heather Palmer and Jenn Chown, event organizers and new brides

Where's the accountability?

To the editor: As a resident and taxpayer of Bradford, I was very dismayed to see the news over the past several weeks, begging the question, "Who is guarding Bradford's

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public purse?" Let's start with the overages of the 8th Line-Dissette Project. I can certainly appreciate that a project of such magnitude may incur overruns on budget, scope and schedule, but this overage makes me really wonder where the accountability lies, for monitoring, tracking and managing such projects. Is there no governance and auditing that happens along the way to raise the necessary flags? What if anything was done to mitigate and minimize such risks?

Then there's the issue with the Police Services budget and the agreement with the province for court security costs. Again accountability is the key: How could those facts and figures get so confused? It makes one wonder if other mistakes have been made that will ultimately cost the taxpayer.

The Sunshine List shows our Police Chief making the same amount of money as Bill Blair, City of Toronto Police Chief. Does that even make any sense at all? We are no where near as big as the City of Toronto, and it is clearly not an apples to apples comparison. Let's hope we get some good news with the OPP cost estimate. Is it any wonder we need to consider other options for affordable policing?

In the wake of cost efficiencies that are happening federally and provincially, it is time for municipalities to take note. Transparency and accountability are paramount, to create and maintain confidence in your local jurisdictions. Planned and unplanned audits should happen often, and be comprehensive across the board: wages, expenses, projects both big and small, vendor relationship management, and conflict of interest policies adhered to. Audits are not only beneficial to improve process improvements, cost savings and efficiencies but will also highlight irregularities that should be dealt with.

In the absence of a ratepayers association, I am looking to our Council to not only be our ambassadors but the guardians of our hard-earned dollars, ensuring they are used in the most fiscally-responsible manner, with

appropriate and effective governance, and within a framework of accountability. We the people deserve that.

Amanda Small, Bradford

Our Letter of Thanks

Our family would like to extend our heart-felt thank you to Dr. John Fitzsimons for supporting us throughout my husband's and our father's lengthy fight against pancreatic cancer. Thank you to Dr. Zibdawi, Dr. Natasha Zajc, Dr. Blair Lamb, Dr. Salem of Houston, Texas, and Elaine Melyuk for their care throughout this difficult time. To the home-care providers and nurses who attended to Bill's medical needs for the past few months, we are most grateful.

We thank our family, friends, and community for your loving support throughout his lengthy battle. Your visits, cards, donations, flowers and meals were most appreciated. We would also like to thank the Skvarchuk family, Father Boniface, Father Conrad and Pastor Andrew Hamilton for their compassionate guidance throughout these many months. Thank you to Sean Pearce for his tribute to Bill. Lastly, thank you to Mayor Doug White, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and the South Simcoe Police for the Honour Guard. Bill would have been very proud. With sincere appreciation,

Natalie, Stephen and Erica,
Bill Jr. and Megan Dykile

Rae, on the budget

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How skewed are these priorities? Look at what the government is not cutting: polls, advertising, bigger jails, and stealth fighters. Canadians should be asking Stephen Harper and Peter Van Loan how they can justify such a small-minded Canada.

Bob Rae, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Vendors wanted for the Bradford Mom 2 Mom Sale on Saturday, May 12, upstairs at the Bradford Community Centre. For registration information, see www.bradfordmom2mom.com. Vendor fees and the \$1 per person admission will go to the food bank.

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Whereas: BWG residents of the Sikh faith have made and continue to make tremendous contributions to the growth and development of the community and the country as a whole; and

Whereas: a fundamental strength of our community lies in our unique racial and ethnocultural diversity, and the value we place on respecting all beliefs and religions is a source in Our Town, Province and Country; Therefore be it resolved, that his Worship Mayor Doug White and Members of Council proclaim April 13 as Khalsa Day in BWG. A flag-raising will take place April 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Courthouse.



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- Tues. Apr. 17/12 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. May 1/12 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. May 15/12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Police Services Board

Mon. Apr. 16/12 Swearing In process of new Chief of Police Richard Beazley 6:00 p.m., meeting @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Library Board
Mon. Apr. 16/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

Committee of Adjustment
Wed. Apr. 25/12 @ 6:30 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

Housing for the Aging Population Committee
Wed. Apr. 18/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Frank Jonkin Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Active Transportation Committee
Thurs. Apr. 12/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road

Downtown Revitalization Committee
Wed. May 2/12 @ 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Hall, 31 Frederick St.

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Mon. Apr. 30/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

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Public Invitation

South Simcoe Police Services Board

The South Simcoe Police Services Board is pleased to invite members of the public to the Swearing In process of new Chief of Police Richard Beazley.

The swearing in will take place on Monday April 16, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Library which is located at 425 Holland Street West, Bradford. Refreshments will be provided following the ceremony. The Police Services Board's regular board meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

*A formal change of command ceremony is to be announced in the near future

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Storytime (ages 3-5) 10:45 - 11:15 am

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 34(18) AND 36 OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. P13, AS AMENDED

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury passed By-law 2012-023 amending Zoning By-law 2010-050 on the 3rd day of April, 2012 under sections 34 and 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P13, as amended, in respect of lands located in Part of Lot 13, Concession 7 (Draft Plan of Subdivision S-06-05), Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

THE PURPOSE of By-law 2012-023 is to amend Schedule "B", Maps 12 and 13, of Zoning By-law 2010-050 to coordinate with the approved draft plan of subdivision. A key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies is attached. The complete by-law is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services Office, 3541 Line 11, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, telephone 905-775-5369.

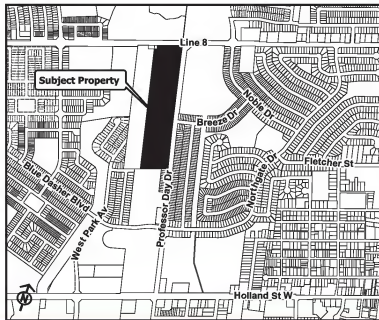
TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with Glen Knox, Acting Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A7, not later than the 2nd day of May, 2012, a notice of appeal which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the OMB form and fee of \$125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OMB website www.omb.gov.on.ca.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

Glen Knox, Acting Clerk



NOTICES

NEWCOMER CHAMPION AWARDS

The Ontario Newcomer Champion Awards recognize individuals and groups who have made a difference in their community and province. Award recipients are champions of volunteerism, supporters of newcomers, and advocates of greater social and civic inclusion.

For more information or to nominate someone for this award visit www.norad.ca/en/newcomerawards.

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Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library is an official clinic site for Income Tax Preparation Assistance. To book an appointment with a trained volunteer just ask at the Information Desk or call 905-775-3328 X 6109. Remember to bring all your tax papers and forms with you including your last notice of assessment.

The laptop being used by the CVTTP volunteers was purchased thanks to the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

These suggested maximum income levels should serve as a guideline only.

Taxpayer status	Family income
Single	Up to \$25,000
Couple	Up to \$35,000
One adult with child	Up to \$30,000
Family	Up to \$40,000

Volunteers do not prepare tax returns for complex situations such as:

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- self-employed individuals;
- individuals who report capital gains or losses; or
- individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

Eligible taxpayers normally served by the CVTTP include:

- Aboriginal peoples;
- Low-income individuals and social assistance recipients;
- Newcomers to Canada;
- Seniors; and
- Students.

For more information about this free service or to get information on community organizations in your area that participate in the CVTTP, call us at 1-800-959-8281 or visit www.cra.gc.ca.



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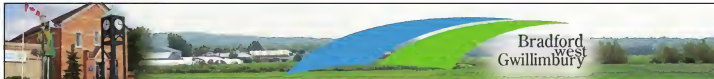
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 34(10.4) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, AS AMENDED, IN RESPECT TO A PROPOSED REZONING

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following application under the *Planning Act*:

Owners: C. Kirkup, J. Kirkup, P. Kirkup, K. Binks and S. Smith
Location: 2323 Line 13
File No.: Z-12-04

The applicants are proposing to rezone a portion of the lands from Agricultural "A" to Environmental Protection "EP" and Environmental Protection, Exception "EP-X" to support a future application for consent to sever the property into 2 separate parcels. The proposal also seeks permission for a detached residential dwelling and associated structures within the proposed Environmental Protection, Exception "EP-X" Zone.

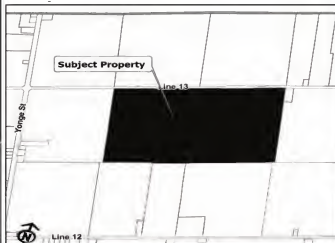
Detailed information regarding the application may be made available for public inspection by contacting Leigh Ann Penner, Planner, at (905) 775-5369 x1402 or lpenner@townofbwg.com.

Prior to Council making a determination respecting the above-noted application, there will be at least one Public Meeting to give the public an opportunity to make representation. The date of the Public Meeting has not yet been determined. Notice of the Public Meeting will be given at least 20 days before the meeting is held, by way of notice in this newspaper and in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*.

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at the Public Meeting or make written submission to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the passing or refusal of the Zoning By-law amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 12th day of April, 2012.

Glen Knox, Acting Clerk



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A naming committee has been formed to review all submissions. The committee is comprised of members from the municipal council, School Council chairs, students from both schools, a Superintendent of Education and principals from both schools.

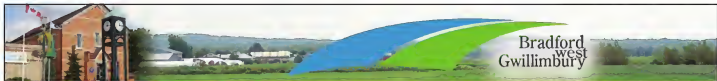
Forms can be found in all Bradford area public schools, the township offices, the local library, new recreation centre, both the Topic and Times offices, and on both school websites – <http://bra.scdsb.on.ca> and <http://fco.scdsb.on.ca>.

Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at:

Fred C. Cook Public School, 20 Fletcher Street, Bradford, ON, L3Z 1L9, or
Bradford Public School, 177 Church St., PO Box 434, Bradford, ON, L3Z 2A9

Or scan and email to tlazar@scdsb.on.ca or ckeeler@scdsb.on.ca.

The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2012.



NOTICE

ALL DOGS WITHIN BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY MUST BE LICENCED YEARLY.

In accordance with Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Dog Control By-law 2006-027:

- Every dog within Bradford West Gwillimbury must be licensed yearly;
- A maximum of three dogs are permitted per legal dwelling unit;
- No owner shall allow a dog to run at large. A dog not on a leash is deemed to be at large when on property other than that of the owner.
- Every owner of a dog is required to clean up and properly dispose of any excrement left by their pet from both public and private property;
- No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to bark excessively or otherwise become a nuisance.

Over the next few weeks, enforcement officers from both the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Animal Control contracted to the City of Vaughan, will be monitoring the parks and roadways to ensure dogs are properly licensed and dog owners are adhering to the above noted regulations. Please have your dog's 2012 Tag utilized to their collar and if not easily viewed have their license number available for verification by officers.

If you have not yet obtained the 2012 license for your dog, they are available at the following locations:

- **On-Line** @ <http://www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca>. Click on Town Services/Enforcement/Animal Services. It will then direct you to click "yes" for purchase of dog licenses. Tags will be mailed to you directly.
- **The Administration Office**, 100 Dossalta Street, Units 7 & 8, on Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- **NEW!** **Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library**, Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

2012 Dog Licenses rates are as follows: Dog (in Tag) \$35.00; Dog (Spayed or Neutered) \$30.00; Dangerous or Restricted Breeds \$55.00. Whether applying for a license on-line or in person, you will be required to bring in, or provide the following information:

1. Owner's Name, Address & Telephone Number;
2. Dog name, Breed, Colour and Sex;
3. Rabies Number and Date of inoculation;
4. Date of Spay or Neuter if applicable; and finally
5. Veterinarian's Name, address and Telephone Number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Enforcement Office directly at 905-775-5366 x1109.

COMPETITIVE BID

RFP #: P-12-29

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Sealed Bids, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday April 25th, 2012 at the following address:

The Finance Department
61 Holland Street East, PO Box 180,
Bradford, ON L3Z 2A8,
Telephone: 905-775-5303
Fax: 905-775-4472

Bid documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca/TownHall/Purchasing/TendersandRFPs/index.htm

By electronically registering for competitive bid opportunities bidders are automatically added to the plan-takers list and are provided a password to allow them access to the competitive bid document. An up to date bidders list is always available on the website for each opportunity while the opportunity is still open. Registering also enables all addenda to be delivered in an efficient and effective manner. The Town will not assume responsibility for any information that a bidder does not receive if they have not registered for this competitive bid opportunity. Once the opportunity passes the closing time, the documents become unavailable.

For enquiries or additional information contact:

Marie Kavanagh
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At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, located at 715 Simcoe Rd. south of Bradford, welcomes new members. Call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

Seniors Health Seminar - Erin Feltham and Sheila Ingle, Geriatric Outreach Team at Southlake Regional Health Centre, present **"Sleep and Aging"** on Thursday, April 12 at 11 a.m. Followed by lunch - \$6 for members, \$7 for non-members.

The monthly **Birthday Luncheon** will be held Thursday, April 19, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Roast Chicken & Dressing, potatoes and veggies, surprise dessert - only \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. Note: There will be a Cheque Presentation to the Cancer Care Centre at Southlake.

The Danube Sr. Leisure Centre's Giant Spring Sale, Danube Sale and White Elephant Sale take place Saturday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - with music provided by Wayne

Jones DJ. Services, and lunch available. Spring cleaning? Save your treasures, to donate to the Centre after April 23.

The next Concert presented by the Danube Centre and EPC Management will feature Shon Carroll as **Chubby Checker** and **Dion**, backed by the band Gerie & The Koasters. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., Show starts at 8 p.m., with refreshments available at Intermission. Also featuring Emcee Victor J. Hanson, throwing his comedy into the mix. Tickets are \$25 per person; call 905-775-0612 to reserve.

At Lakeside Retirement

Lakeside Retirement, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, Innisfil, hosts a number of events that are open to the community at large. On April 20, come out to play Hippy Hoppity Bingo, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., for prizes and refreshments. RSVP to 705-431-8105.

At the Bradford Legion

The Bradford Legion is located at 115 Back St. in Bradford. **Friday Night Meat Rolls** take place every Friday at 6 p.m. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. On the first Friday of the month enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. following the Meat Roll. Note: In April, Karaoke night is **Friday, April 13!** All welcome.

The Bradford Legion hosts a **General Meeting** on April 17, 7 p.m. to receive Nominations for the 2012-13 Executive, and hold an election of Officers. Please come out and support your Legion.

On April 21, Randy Webster hosts a **Charity Darts Tournament**, in memory of his mother, at the Legion. For information, or to sign up for this event, please contact the Legion at 905-775-5025.

April's **Euchre** takes place Saturday, April 28, with registration at 1 p.m., and play beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall - bumped back a week by bookings. Only \$10 to play.



Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community?

Consider membership in the Legion. For details, contact Donna at 905-775-5025.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for

veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905.

Photo, from left, Bradford Legion pres. Vince Redgate presents cheque for \$2031.06 to 329 Medical Army Corps CO Karen Kolin (Tottenham) from Poppy Chair Fraser McConkey.

Another challenge in Lefroy!



chili that was a crowd-pleaser. And 1st once again went to George Patrick (#5), with his sweet and mild chili entry.

Members take note: Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. is the AGM. Come down and vote for your Executive. Mark your calendars and your ballots!

It's a heart-warming, not to mention heart-burning tradition. The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion's Ladies Auxiliary held its annual Chili Challenge, March 24 - inviting the public to sample the 7 entries, and vote for their favorites.

In 3rd place, with a chili that combined sweet corn with a hint of fire, was #7, entered by Steve and Kim Wilson. 2nd place went to #4, Terry Martens - a smoky, flavourful

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion is hosting a Devilled Egg Challenge on Saturday, April 21 at 3 p.m. To enter, bring 18 eggs - no colored eggs, no distinguishable markings - to the Legion by 2:45 p.m. Call Bev, 705-456-0704 to enter. The public can sample and vote, for just \$2. All welcome! Bragging rights, only!

Photo: Joyce Palmieri samples chili, and votes, at the March 24 Chili Challenge at the Lefroy Legion.



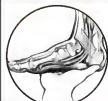
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A Soldier's Life, in 1812

By Helen Yielding

"A Soldier's life is terribly hard, says Alice." That's a memorable line from an A.A. Milne poem, of Winnie the Pooh fame, that most of us will

recognize. And Alice was right on. A British soldier's life in the early 1800s was indeed terrible and hard, and guest speaker Peter Monahan provided the details at the Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society's March meeting.

Dressed in a replica 1812 Officer's uniform, of breeches, red jacket with the insignia of rank and company, and wool greatcoat Monahan

outlined the daily activities of a British soldier in Canada in the early 1800s. Rising at 3 or 4 a.m. and fully rigged out for inspection, they ate a meagre breakfast before beginning daily duties of marching, ditch-digging, training with muskets, and tasks.

Enlistment was for life, brutality was part of the training and the pay was low. In fact, a newly-enlisted soldier was paid 5 English pounds - but 4 and a half were taken back to pay for his uniform. All his worldly goods could be stowed in his pack,

including a few eating utensils.

For many men, brutal as it was, an army life meant food, clothing and a roof over their heads in a time of unemployment and poverty. Many were sent to defend Canada from US expansionist policies.

They brought with them the military culture that expanded and secured the British Empire, designed around the equipment of the time. The musket was highly inaccurate, so volume of shot was most important. Therefore soldiers marched in tight formation, loading, tamping and firing in unison, up to 4 times per minute - and simply filled in the spaces when a soldier fell. Rarely were officers in the front line, of course.

Monahan provided the background of the actions that precipitated the War of 1812-14, fascinating his listeners with both his knowledge and his artifacts.

On April 16, the next meeting of the Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society will follow from Monahan's presentation: Patricia Blackstock will describe the role of women in the War of 1812. At the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Social hour to follow. For information, call 905-775-7144 or 905-935-4086. Photo: Peter Monahan holds greatcoat.



Bond Head 175: Sir Bond Head

Bond Head - The area around the hamlet of Bond Head was surveyed in 1819, but got its name in 1837, when the first Post Office opened, and the village was named for Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, Sir Francis Bond Head - the man who helped quash the Rebellion of 1837.

Bond Head was a soldier, world traveller, and prolific author. Born in Kent, England on Jan. 1, 1793, he was educated at Rochester Grammar School and Royal Military Academy. In 1811, he was commissioned to the Royal Engineers, and stationed in the Mediterranean, where he served in the campaign of 1815. He was at the Battle of Waterloo.

For a while, he worked with a gold

and silver mining company in South America, where his rapid journeys across the Pampas and his book

"Rough Notes" earned him the nickname, "Calligapping Bond Head."

He returned to the army when he ran into "difficulties" with the directors of the company - and in 1835 was appointed Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada, by the British, in hopes of appeasing reformers in the colony. Instead, his support for the Family Compact resulted in Rebellion.

Learn more in the new Bond Head history book, \$24.95 plus \$6 shipping, from Karyn Mannell, P.O. Box 202, Tottenham, ON L0K 1W0 - and at the Bond Head 175 Festival, June 22-24. See www.bondhead175.ca

Postcards

Postcards of Old Aurora: The McRoberts Collection, presented by Bob McRoberts, April 18 at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church St., at 7 p.m. Admission by Donation.

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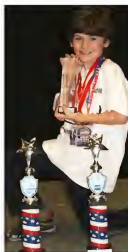
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Triple-Threat Achievement



by Jeanette Martin

Nine of Bradford's best young performers - students at Music in Motion Performing Arts Studio - participated in the Access Broadway Triple Threat Competition in Syracuse, New York, March 23-25, and brought home the hardware. The MIMPA team was competing against more than 800

talented young people from across the U.S. The Triple-Threat genre is a demanding combination of singing, acting and dancing, and MIMPA offers an innovative program. Team members encouraged and supported each other during a grueling 3 days of solos, duets, trios and ensemble pieces - and earned high recognition.

Congratulations to Michele Buono - 1 High Gold, 3 Gold; Marie Conceicao - 1 High Gold, 1 Gold; Tony Gammlicchia - 1 High Gold, 1 Gold; David Martin - 1 High Gold, 2 Gold; Hope Martin - 1 High Gold, 3 Gold; and Kira Kuhla-Ralls - 2 High Gold, 2 Gold. Special congratulations to James Martin, who received 2 High Gold, 3 Gold and the M. Access Broadway Award; Meghan Scott who received 2 High Gold, 2 Gold, and a High Achievement Trophy; and to Marshall Woodcock, who won 1 Platinum, 3

High Gold, 1 Gold, 2 High Achievement Trophies, the Access Broadway Star Award and Scholarship (see photo at left).

The MIMPA team was also nominated for Best Debut Musical Theatre Production.

The climax involved 50 of the top competitors auditioning for six Triple-Threat Scholarships - and MIMPA students Hope Martin, Meghan Scott and Marshall Woodcock won 3 out of 6.

Thanks to the team's Triple-Threat teachers, Lydia Martin and Morgan Frey - and to the family members and friends who drove to Syracuse to give their enthusiastic support.

As owner and creative director of Music in Motion Performing Arts Studio, it is exciting to see performing arts in the Bradford region continue to expand in popularity and quality. The kids who achieved so much at this prestigious international competition are blazing new and exciting trails for others who wish to find out how much fun it is to "be the best you can be".

Medals, trophies and photos are on display at MIMPA, 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway in Bradford. For details of upcoming programs see www.mimpa.ca



Photo by Rob Alary, rkaphotography@rogers.com

Byrny Ritchie as Gladys, Walter Stewart as Vernon Hines, Nancy Knapp as Mable, and Baron Watson as "The Prez" - with Sheri Lind ("Babe") and Tom Mercer ("Sid") in the background, for South Simcoe Theatre's Pajama Game - now on stage.

Pajama Game delights, in Cookstown

The Pajama Game! The delightful Tony Award-winning musical, based on the book "7 1/2 Cents" by Richard Bissell, is the final offering in The South Simcoe Theatre's 2011-2012 season. Best known from the 1957 movie starring Doris Day and John Halt, the play includes great songs like Small Talk, and *Hernando's Hideaway!* A stellar cast includes Tom Mercer (Drowsy Chaparrone) as factory manager Sid, Sheri Lind (Two by Two) as Union Leader Babe, and local cast members that include Matt Durkin,

John Gabriel, Mary-Ellen O'Neill-Madefley, Jo-Ann Buckley, Nancy Knapp, Baron Watson - and numerous talented actors from Innisfil, Barrie, Beeton, Alliston, Bradford and Tottenham. Don't miss an entertaining theatrical event - classic entertainment for the whole family, directed by Bob Buckley, with producer Bernetta Starkey, stage manager Colleen Mazur and choreographer Sandi LaPlante! On stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, from April 12 to 29, with 8 p.m. performances Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Tickets are \$23 per person; call the box office at 705-458-4432, or see www.southsimcoetheatre.com

No preparation is necessary: a panel will ask participants to read an excerpt from one or more of the plays. To schedule an appointment, contact Christina Luck at christinaluck@bell.net or 705-458-4422, or call the box office at 705-458-4432. For a list of plays see www.southsimcoetheatre.com

A Rockin' Snow White

Excitement is growing at Fieldcrest Elementary School in Bradford, as students and staff prepare for their production of "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White" - on stage at Bradford District High School, 70 Professor Drive, on April 25 and 26, at 6:30 p.m.

"This is an opportunity for our students to shine and share their many artistic abilities," says David Brownlee, Principal. "Our staff and students are working very hard to make this a memorable event. Our students are so excited, that they wrote and recorded an advertisement, to help get people to watch." The ad can be viewed at <http://audioobof.com/733749-bo/>. Tickets are only \$5 per person, and the whole community is invited to the show. For tickets contact Megan Crane at Fieldcrest ES at 905-778-2010.

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police began issuing tickets - with a set fine of \$155, for talking, texting, typing, dialling or emailing using hand-held communications or entertainment devices. If a driver exhibits more risky behaviours, the charge can be upped to Careless Driving, which brings a fine of \$490 and 6 demerit points. Note: The use of **hands-free** devices is permitted, and drivers can still use a hand-held device to call 911 to report an emergency.

The statistics support the ban: drivers who use cell phones are four times more likely to be involved in a collision than a driver who is focussed on the road. Over the past year, Traffic Reconstruction Officers from South Simcoe Police have investigated 2 fatal motor vehicle collisions where Distraacted Driving was a contributing factor.

Grow-Up in Bradford

On April 4, South Simcoe Police were contacted by PowerStream: company workers had noticed that a certain house was using an unusually high amount of hydro, but the meter was not registering the use. South Simcoe Police investigated and executed a search warrant at a 2-year old home in the Summerly Subdivision, just north of Holland St. West. Inside the home they found approximately 1500 Marijuana plants in various stages of growth, with an estimated street value of \$1.5 million, and arrested a single male at the residence. The 34 year old Scarborough man was charged with Production of a Controlled Drug, Possession for the purpose of trafficking, and Possession, and held for a bail hearing. The house was completely contaminated with large amounts of mold, due to high levels of moisture in the house.

Invasive Plant Species

AWARE Simcoe is hosting a meeting Saturday, April 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Elmvalle Arena, on invasive plant species: Phragmites, Glossy Buckhorn, Japanese Knotweed, and deadly Giant Hogweed. Learn more about the problem, and possible action.

Gilford Hort. Society

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society meets Monday, April 16 at the Churchill Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Don Komarechka, award-winning photographer, talks about **Taking Better Pictures in Nature**. Bring in a garden or nature photo to be critiqued. Also, a Flower Show: African Violets, Houseplants, Spring Bulbs and Floral Design. Bring entries from 6:30-7:15 p.m.; judging begins at 7:15 p.m.

Lakeview Spring Preview

Lakeview Gardens Garden Centre, 1712 Killarney Beach Rd. in Leffroy, hosts its Annual Spring Preview on Saturday, May 5. Go behind the scenes, tour the greenhouses, reserve your hanging baskets, and chat with the staff. At 12:30 p.m. attend the ribbon-cutting for the new fully-automated, wheelchair-accessible 24' x 54' greenhouse that will provide a comfortable retail shopping experience, no matter what the weather. See www.lakeviewgardencentre.com for more.

Earth Hour: 60 minutes of success



Miriam King photograph

Barry Bea plays acoustic guitar and sings, at the annual 'Grange Cafe' in Leffroy - an Earth Hour event at the Grange Hall that raises funds for Leffroy United Church and other Charities, this year a project at Nantury Shores Secondary School in Innisfil to purchase solar panels for a MicroFIT project.

The 5th Annual Earth Hour event, asking people around the globe to turn off non-essential electronics for one hour, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on March 31, is more than just an effort to cut electricity consumption. It's an awareness campaign, to make people more conscious of the links between energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions - and climate change.

In the 9 municipalities served by PowerStream - including Bradford West Gwillimbury - there was a 7.8% reduction in total electricity consumption - down from last year's record 8.9%, but still representing a savings of 74.5 megawatts in peak demand, enough electricity to power 2,256 average homes over a 24 hour period.

As a percentage of use, Bssa (Thornton) led the way, with a 28% reduction. Aurora was second, with a 10.8% drop in use; New Tecumseth saw a 9% reduction - and Bradford West Gwillimbury cut its power use by 8.1%.

In Innisfil, the initiative not only

had the support of Innisfil Hydro, but of the Town itself - which organized an Earth Hour family event at the Innisfil Recreation Complex. Residents of the Town were invited to turn off their lights and electronics at home, and come out to make an Earth Hour Wish - "lighting" an LED candle in a luminary wish kit, that was placed outside in the shape of a huge "60", for the 60 minutes of Earth Hour.

There were also crafts, (acoustic) music provided by a mariachi band, human hamster balls, and a telescope checking out the night sky. Innisfil cut its energy consumption during Earth Hour by 13.93% (about 5 kWh) - much better than last year's reduction, of 2.5%.

"Innisfil's 13.93% energy savings would be enough to drive 25,000 km - nearly 3 return trips from Halifax to Vancouver - in an electric powered vehicle," said George Shaparew, President of Innisfil Hydro, thanking residents and local businesses for their participation, and commitment to the earth.



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SWOPS recycles

Sir William Oser Public School, on County Rd. 88 in Bond Head, is holding a Metal & Electronics drive, May 5-7 at the school, as a fundraiser. Please, no refrigerators or freezers! Watch for details of this, and a planned Clothing Drive.

A look at Shoreline preservation

Back in the early days of cottaging on Lake Simcoe, it was common for waterfront property owners to build massive breakwaters, cut down trees, and replace steep shorelines with gently sloping lawns, as they wished.

No longer. The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, which is entrusted with preserving the health of the Lake and its watershed, working with both the Ministry of Natural Resources and Department of Fisheries and Oceans, has regulations in place to protect the shoreline. The earliest regulations were put in place in the late 1950s; they were recently updated, in 2006.

Before altering the shoreline, landowners "should definitely check with the Conservation Authority," says LSRCA CEO Gayle Wood, to see if the area under consideration is in a fill-regulated area, and what other restrictions may be in place. Wood confirms that the LSRCA has received numerous applications to make changes along the shoreline. "We do a lot of permitting... Really it depends on what they want to do."

Unfortunately, there is only 1 Environmental Officer enforcing the regulations for the whole lake - so the LSRCA relies on neighbours to express concerns or complain about the changes. "We do follow up, but it's a matter of priority, and it's a matter of time."

The reality is that the Lake Simcoe shoreline is a patchwork of different approaches, barriers, dock systems, landscaping and bathhouses. "Everybody has the right to enjoy their waterfront property," says Mike Walters, but the new science-based regulations try to ensure that property owners now follow best practices. He points to retaining walls, designed to stabilize shorelines, as an example. "Most of the cement walls that



you're seeing are from the ('50s)," Walters says, and 20 years ago, the preferred solution was squared

Armour Stone - huge, angular blocks.

"How we do it now has changed dramatically," he says. Now, property owners are encouraged to create barriers of round granite boulders, which curb and diffuse the erosive power of wave action, paired with natural vegetation.

Every property is assessed on a site-specific basis, based on the height and slope of the shoreline, the presence of vegetation, and location of the flood

line. Says Walters, the goal is to preserve, restore and renaturalize the shoreline.

Sometimes something slips past. Between 2002 and 2009, the owner of a property at Roches Point, on the east side of Lake Simcoe, took down every tree but one along 100' or so of shoreline. In 2009, the property was purchased by environmentalist Annabel Slaughter. Although she also cleared an area above the regulated zone, to build a new cottage, she has been working closely with the Conservation Authority to stabilize the lower slope with boulders, and replant native species. "It doesn't look like it now," says Walters, with the plantings only a year old, but "she's

actually done a great job."

At the opposite end of the spectrum is a property on Barrie's north shore. There, the landowner cut down all the trees - and painted trees on the bathhouse. "It's how not to naturalize," says Walters.

The LSRCA is hoping for new tools. "One of the recommendations of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan is a shoreline management plan," Walters says - a plan that would identify what is present, where the shoreline is stable and where it is unstable, recommend best practices, "and produce a strategy to move forward, to get a healthier shoreline for all of Lake Simcoe."

At the moment, though, while the LSRCA has been able to secure Lake Simcoe Clean-up Fund grant money, and partnered with various groups to carry out restoration projects, for the most part the stewardship program promoting the naturalization of shorelines is voluntary.

With "99%" of the shoreline in private hands, except for certain significant wetlands, it doesn't seem to leave a lot of latitude - unless property owners can be persuaded to see the value of natural vegetation and shoreline restoration, for the future of the lake.

Photo by Angie Mennin:

Restoration carried out by Pathways to Perennials, at the cottage of Annabel Slaughter.

BWG Community Clean-Up Day

April is Earth Month, and once again the community is being invited to participate in the BWG Community Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will sign in at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., at 9 a.m., where the event will kick off with the annual Fastest Broom Challenge, between Bradford Scouts and members of Town Council. Then volunteers will board the buses provided by Parkview, and head out into the community to pick up litter.

At noon, everyone will return to the Centre for a Pizza Lunch, provided by the Town.

Pre-register for the Community Clean-Up by contacting Leisure Services at 905-735-9359 ext. 5102, or email recreation@townofbrdg.com. Please wear appropriate clothing. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided.

The Clean-Up will be followed by a Tree-Planting, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Trailside Drive in the Grand Central Subdivision, where the restoration of the trail area will continue.

Source Protection Plan

The South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee has released a draft of its proposed drinking water Source Protection Plan, and is now looking for public input. The Plan, and an explanatory document, are available online at www.ourwatershed.ca.

Hard copies can be viewed at the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority office at 120 Bayview Parkway in Newmarket, or the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, 8195 Concession 8 in Essa Twp.

The policies were drafted with input from a wide range of stakeholders over the past 2 years, and define "drinking water threats" as 21 land use activities - from home septic beds to industrial practices - that have "the potential, in certain circumstances, to pose a risk to municipal drinking water sources - if not properly managed," says Mike Walters, Project Manager. Management will involve education, financial incentives, and changes to land use planning. Learn more at a Public Open House.

Thursday, April 19 at the Holiday Inn Express, 100 Pongy Drive in Newmarket, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 at Liberty North, 100 Caplan Ave. in Barrie, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feedback must be received by May 25; mail to Source Protection Committee, c/o Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, 120 Bayview Pkwy., Box 282, Newmarket ON L3Y 4X1, or email to sup@ourwatershed.ca or fax to 905-853-5881.

GARBAGE TAG INFORMATION

The price of garbage tags for waste over the one bag limit increased from \$2/tag to \$3/tag effective January 1, 2012. Yellow \$2 tags were permitted until April 1, 2012. As some residents may not be able to exhaust their supply of \$2 garbage tags prior to April 1, 2012, residents may choose to exchange their \$2 tags for new tags by equivalent value through any of the following options:

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- County of Simcoe Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst
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MEETINGS

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and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org. All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innis-

fil Lions Club host a weekly bingo, Monday 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

BRADFORD PIPES & DRUMS: Pipes and drummers wanted - no experience necessary. Will teach! Meet Sundays at the Danube Arts Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., 3:30 p.m. Contact Mike at 705-431-2412.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian Social System Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services. Form completion and document help, information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on food income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

T.O.P.S. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool Bldg.

Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$30 per year, \$2 per meeting. For details call Edna, 905-775-9018.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund raising projects and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

THURS., APR. 12

ASK A PROFESSIONAL: Public Health Nurse at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. 9:30-11 a.m. Drop in with your questions about child development, parenting etc.

MOCKTAIL MADNESS: Fundraiser for MAOO (Mothers Against Road Driving), at the ANAF Club, 7 George St., 7 p.m. Admission \$20 for Mocktails, food tasting, fair bartending, live music - vote for the best mocktails by Barrie Restaurants and Georgian College University Students. Tickets available at the door.

SAT., APR. 14

ACO JUNK OR JEWELS APPRAISAL DAY: 3rd annual Junk or Jewels Appraisal Day, with local experts - only \$5 per item. At the Coats town United Church, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Verbal appraisal.

als only, as a fundraiser for the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

SIMCOE COUNTY BR. ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: Meet 2 p.m. at the LDS Church, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. R. Brock Goffrey will talk about "Fraud Awareness and Genealogical Scams." All welcome. Book table opens at 1:30 p.m. For info, call Ken, 705-728-1170.

BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH YARD SALE: At the church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, 8 to 11 a.m. All welcome to browse. To donate an item to the yard sale, call 905-775-7268 to arrange a time for delivery.

SPRING DANCE: Barrie Ballroom Dance Club hosts a Spring Dance at the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie, 8 p.m. Admission \$13 for members, \$19 guests, includes substantial late night snack with coffee, tea and dessert. For info, call Barb, 705-726-2651 or see www.bddc.ca

PET VALU PET APPRECIATION WEEKEND: April 14-15, at Pet Valu, 442 Holland St. W. Raise funds for local animal shelters.

MON., APR. 16

TECUMSETH & WEST GUILMILLBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Tec-We-Gill Women's Institute Hall in Newmarket, 7:30 p.m. Speaker is Dr. Jonathan Saunders, chiropractor. For more information contact 905-830-0447 or see www.newmarketprostatecancer.com

TUES., APR. 17

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS Medial office offices, 448 Holland St. West (Hakim Optical plaza), at 10 a.m. Connects family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Share coping strategies, challenges and successes, in a safe setting. For info call the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County, 705-722-1066.

WEDS., APR. 18

THE LEGEND OF THE FIRST BUTTERFLIES: With Tina, Aboriginal Early Years Co-ordinator. The Leg-

end of the first butterflies and a butterfly craft at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 9:30 a.m. Free drop in. **GRANDPARENTS PARENTING AROUND SUPPORT GROUP:** At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren, 1:30 p.m.

BID EUCHERE: At the Gwen Taylor Community Library, 7:30 p.m. in the Newton Robinson United Church Building, Only \$3 per person - includes lunch. All welcome.

THURS., APR. 19

RHYME TIME EXTRAVAGANZA: 4-week program at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. April 19, 26, May 3 and 10 - rhyming games, books, songs and crafts. For ages 3 to 6 and a parent/caregiver. Free. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN: Creative fun in the kitchen at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 5-6 p.m. Free. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at the Newmarket Ss. Meeting Place, 474 Davis Dr. in Newmarket, 7:30 p.m. Speaker is Dr. Jonathan Saunders, chiropractor. For more information contact 905-830-0447 or see www.newmarketprostatecancer.com

Mystery Dinner!

On Saturday, May 5, Bradford United Church, located at 66 Barrie St., will present a Murder Mystery Dinner, "Murder at the Masse" by Thomas Stenson. Dinner will include Salad, Chicken in Cream Sauce, Mashed potatoes and vegetables, dessert, tea or coffee - only \$30 per person for dinner, and an evening of fun. For tickets call 905-775-7268. Doors open at 5:15, dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Come and find out "whodunnit!" Tickets must be purchased by April 27.

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Sports

Atom AE Bulldogs in Detroit



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Bradford Atom AE hockey team, participating in a Detroit Tourney - here at the historic Joe Louis arena, home of the Detroit Red Wings. Below, winning goal Game 1, submitted.

Bradford Bulldogs Atom AE team travelled to Detroit, Michigan, March 23-25, for a tournament that included a game on the Joe Louis Arena - home of the Detroit Red Wings. Game 1 was a match between two Canadian Teams - Bradford, and the Guelph Storm Jr. Minor A Rep team. The Bulldogs jumped to an early 2-0 lead with 2 goals by Connor Staring, from

Ethan Pinto. In the 2nd, the Storm notched a goal, but Matthew Quizi responded, unassisted, to make it 3-1 for the Bulldogs. The Storm scored again before the end of the period, and then scored again in the 3rd, to tie 3-3. Both teams pressed hard, and Bradford goalie Matthew Moran made some outstanding saves. With 36 seconds left on the clock Christopher Lotto broke the tie for

the Bulldogs, assisted by Danny Crosby, for a 4-3 win.

Game 2, Lansing Michigan - 4, Bradford - 1. Lone goal by Ivan Stefanov, from Adam Chabot.

Game 3, Trenton Michigan - 6, Bradford - 2. Goals by Ivan Stefanov, from Max Vatt and Matt Quizi; and Caleb Elliott, from Danny Crosby and Noah Miranda.

Later that evening, the team revisited the Joe Louis Arena - this time to watch the Red Wings battle the Hurricanes, to a 5-4 victory. After the game, the Bulldogs were able to visit the dressing room areas, and receive autographs from both the Hurricanes and Red Wings.

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Top: "A" Winners in the Gallery Division of the Sunday Sinners - from right, Lynn Williamson, Kimberly Donelle and dad Mike.
Below: "A" Winners in the Garden Division - from left, Kendall Balchen, Rick Merasko, Wendy Wery and Peter Davy, at the Bradford Curling Club, April 1.

Photos by Miriam King

Sunday Sinners wrap up the season

The Sunday Sinners are a fun mixed league of curlers who play - when else! - on Sundays, at the Bradford Curling Club.

Sponsored by Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, they wrapped up their season with games and a luncheon on April 1.

Garden Division
"A" Winners - Team of Kendall Balchen, Rick Merasko, Wendy Wery and Peter Davy.
"A" Runners-up - Team of Russ Gale, Shawn Amyotte, Bob Kelsey and Bob Merkle. Team Davy defeated Gale's squad, 10-9.
In the "B" Division, the

rink skipped by Bill Jermyn downed Rick Dafeo's team 8-5.

In the "C" Division, Kathy Gorsline's squad defeated Trisha Bourgeois 11-6. In the "D" Division, Richard Karner's rink beat Team Kemp, 10-4.

Gallery Division

"A" Winners - the team of Lynn Williamson, Mike Donelle, and daughter

Kimberley Donelle downed "A" side runners-up, Ziggy Doberstein, Eric Strong, Cheryl Strong and Dave Cochrane, 14-2.
"B" Winners - Pat Perroud defeated the Toni Jardine rink, 12-3.

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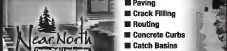
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Deaths

BUOTT, Donald Robert - 1929 -2012 -
It is with great sadness we announce the
passing of Don in his 82 year April 2, 2012
at Sudbury Regional Hospital. Predeceased
by his daughter Carol (1975) and grand-
daughter Sandy (2011). Survived by his wife
of 66 years Teresa, daughters Lucille,
Janet, Helen, grandchildren Bryan,
Raymond, Rhonda, Tracey, Derek, Andrea,
Dana, Maralagh and 10 great-grandchildren.
Cremation has taken place in Etico Lake as
per his wishes. A celebration of Don's life to
take place at a later date.

May he rest in peace.

Services entrusted to Alternative Funeral
Services.

In memoriam

HAMBLY, Robert (Bob) -
October 4th, 1944 - April 15, 2011

A special person, a special face,
Someone we love and can't replace.
Never selfish, always kind,
These are the memories
He left behind.

Forever in our hearts, Anne, Cordes
and The Hamby Family.



Anniversaries

Wedding Anniversary



On April 21, 2012
Doug & Donna Reynolds
are celebrating their
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Beautiful memories, are wonderful things,
They last till the longest day,
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They never get lost,
And can never be given away.
To some you may be forgotten
To others a part of the past
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memory will always last
Still missed, still loved, always very dear!
-Vivie Monica & Chris-

In memoriam

JOSH

Two years ago the world made a U-turn.
It is hard to believe that I miss being
lectured to by my son. Deb and I kept
our promise, we got married in the
backyard. I had Melanie stand in for
you. I am sure you wouldn't mind.
Kaitlyn tells her friends regularly about
you and we are sure she will let Sarah
know how great Uncle Josh is.

Buddy we miss you more every day.
Love Dad, Deb, Melanie, Jason, Kaitlyn
and Sarah



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Youth & Community

An Easter Egg Hunt for dogs



The National Service Dogs Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs attracted hundreds of people and their dogs to Sunnidee Park in Barrie, on Good Friday, April 6 - including a number of Autism Service dogs, wearing their purple "working" vests.

National Service Dogs relies on donations to pay for the training of Labs and Golden Retrievers to meet the needs of children with Autism (Certified Service Dog for Autism program). Veterans with long-term post-traumatic stress disorder (Skilled Companion Dog for Veterans program), and individuals with disabilities (Companion Dog Program). It can cost \$30,000 over the life of the dog, for training and retraining - and fundraisers like the Easter Egg Hunt are vital to the organization.

The Barrie Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs is organized by volunteers, led by Bradford resident Mary Turner - whose daughter Katie and "Cash", an Autism Service Dog, were once again the top fundraisers, raising a whopping \$1,775 for NSD. In 2nd place was Karen Lodge, who raised \$536; and in 3rd - Shannon Cain, with \$331.

Photo: Katie, Cash & the Turner Clan.

Earth Month at Pizza Pizza

April is Earth Month... and throughout the month of April, Pizza Pizza invites residents to come in and trade in their unused cell phones or hand-held devices in exchange for a slice of pizza. The phones will be recycled in an environmentally sensitive manner, by an approved electronic waste recycler - and the proceeds will go to the company's Cells for Silices program, which benefits Food Banks Canada. So far, through Cells for Silices, Pizza Pizza has helped to recycle more than 5,600 used mobile devices. Bring your unwanted cell phones to Pizza Pizza at 166 Holland St. W. in Bradford.

Vita & Stephanie Cut-a-thon

The 12 Annual Vita & Stephanie Cut-a-thon for the Cochlear Implant Unit at the Hospital for Sick Children will be taking place Sunday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Mary & Vita's Hair Design, 118 Holland St. East in Bradford. Haircuts for a donation to the cause, plus the annual Promo Contest Draw - 1st prize a 42" LCD HD TV, 2nd Prize - 1 week accommodation at the True Blue Golf & Racquet Club in South Carolina, and 3rd prize - Basket of Hair Products. For info, or to purchase tickets, call 905-775-8775.

Jubilee at St. Charles School

St. Charles Catholic elementary school on Simcoe Rd. in Bradford celebrates its 50th Jubilee on Saturday, May 5. The celebration begins at noon, with Mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church, 167 Essa St. - followed by displays, presentations and a meet and greet from 1 to 4 p.m., at the school. A BBQ lunch will be available for only \$5. In the evening, from 5:30 to 10 p.m., it's the annual Spring Fling, at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. - a family event that includes Dinner, Silent Auction, Music, games and fun. Tickets must be purchased in advance - RSVP by April 26 to stcharless50@hotmail.com or contact the school at 905-775-6762 for more information or to donate an item for the Silent Auction.

Healthy Smiles Ontario Appointments

Appointments are now being booked for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's mobile dental clinic, which will visit Bradford. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program provides dental services for low-income children 17 & under, who have no access to any other form of dental coverage. To find out if your children are eligible, and to book an appointment, call Your Health Connection, 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or see www.simcoemuskokahealth.org

A fresh new Page

Last year, in Grade 7, W.H. Day student Louis Vaitr applied for the Legislative Page program at Queen's Park, but was turned down.

But this year, with the recommendation of his teacher, and a 750-word essay describing how he would contribute to the Page program, 13 year old Louis was accepted.

The Legislative Page Program invites Grade 7 and 8 students who have an average of 80% or higher in their English in community and politics to apply for the position of Page in the Legislature. It's a highly competitive process - there are hundreds of applications, for a limited number of positions.

Being a Page involves carrying messages in the Chamber, meeting with politicians and officials, and learning how laws are made in Ontario over a 2 to 4 week period - during which time the students also

receive regular tutoring in Math, and on Fridays, go on educational excursions. Louis officially starts on May 1, with an orientation - but he has already begun the work of memorizing the names and faces

of all 107 elected members of the Legislature, and 4 Clerks. He'll serve at Queen's Park from May 28 to June 1.

It will be a grueling schedule, starting with a long commute to the City. He'll be leaving his Bond Head-area home of 5:30 a.m., to get down to Queens Park by 6 a.m. "I have to be ready in my uniform at 8:15 a.m.," he explains.

Louis sees the Page position as a natural extension of his interest in the news and current affairs. That's one reason

why he was recommended by teacher Claire Debnay. "My teacher knew I have an interest in politics," he says. "I'm really excited about this thing. It was good news, being accepted."



BDHS: One of the fastest improving schools

by Cheryl Browne, Barrie Examiner
More than bricks and mortar, and more than just a mortarboard. The schools that shape our children's futures are about more than curriculum and good grades. Bradford District High School Principal Greg Brucker said that although he's pleased to have earned a Top-20 ranking in the Fraser Institute's School Report Card, as one of the most rapidly improving schools in Ontario, it's not the only achievement he's concerned with.

"It's always nice to be recognized for all our teachers' and students' hard work, so the Fraser Report is nice - but we look at it as one indicator of success," Brucker said. "It's the complete school environment - things you can't measure, such as the school climate and extra-curricular activities - that also have to be taken into consideration."

Brucker said the school has made a concerted effort to focus on numeracy and literacy, two of the key components of the Fraser Institute's Report Card. BDHS scored a 7.4 out of 10, ranking 144th out of the 718 secondary schools measured, compared to a 5 year average of 260th. It was the third-highest ranking of a Simcoe County school - only Jean Vanier in Collingwood, and Banting Memorial in Alliston scored higher, with 7.6 out of 10. Holy Trinity High School, also in Bradford, scored a 6.5 out of 10 and was ranked 299th out of 718 schools - a strong improvement over the past 5 years.

Some schools use the Fraser Institute Report Card to identify and target weaknesses.

Five years ago, Nouvelle-Alliance Ecole Secondaire in Barrie, within the Conseil scolaire de district catholique centre-sud French Catholic School Board, was ranked

499 out of 691 schools, with a score of 4.7 out of 10. In recent years it has improved dramatically, to 6.3 and 340th place - earning the school a place in the Top 20 fastest-improving schools.

"Our board really focuses on the report. We have made the improvements because of it," said Principal Patricia Bolger. All teachers are involved in evaluating students' writing and math performances, she said. "If someone notices a red flag, if a student needs a little push in one area, we'll focus on that."

In total, 26.6% of high school exams written in 2011 scored below the provincial standard, compared to 30% in 2007. "This is a solid 5 year improvement, but more than 90% of the province-wide tests written by Ontario secondary students fail to meet the provincial standard. Ontario students can do better," said Michael Thomas, director of school performance studies at the Fraser Institute.

For more information, see www.comparingschoolrankings.org

Grad Reunion

Bradford District High School grads from the mid 1950s to the mid 1960s are invited to attend an informal BDHS '50s '60s Grad Reunion on Saturday, April 28, from 1 p.m. to early evening at China Gardens Restaurant in Bradford, 382 Holland St. West. Just bring your good memories and photos or clippings of a great era, now gone forever. No charge, except for what you eat and drink at China Gardens' great buffet.

For more information, contact James Cooke, 519-881-1188; Bob Neilly, 905-898-6872 or Bill Williamson, 416-705-9581.

